

**Santa Rosa Ninety-Nines
International Organization of Women Pilots**

October 2010
Newsletter

Wings and Things

Next meeting, October 14, 2010

The next meeting will be at the offices of Wyvern Restaurants, 575 W. College Ave. Ste. 201, Santa Rosa, CA 95492. 6:00pm potluck and hangar flying, 7:00pm meeting.

This newsletter will encompass a few months... since the last newsletter was in June. So, what's been going on with the Santa Rosa 99s?

In June we installed new officers for the 2010-2011 term, congratulations to:



Show your support for our new board members by volunteering when needed.
Thank you to the outgoing officers for their many years of dedicated service.
Thank you to Barbara and Gus Shubel for putting on a great Installation dinner out at Wild Oak Saddle Club. As usual the food was fantastic, the setting park like and the weather perfect.

Calendar

Oct 14th Regular meeting 6:30 potluck, 7:00pm meeting. Wyvern Restaurant, 575 W. College Ave. ste 201.

Oct. 10, 1pm, Fly in to Harris Ranch with Bay City 99s

Oct. 14. Monthly meeting. 6:30 Potluck and hangar talk. 7:00 pm

Oct. 16 Fly in to Oceano with Santa Clara 99s

Nov. 20 Fly in to Quincy with Santa Clara 99s

Dec. 5th December Dinner Meeting.

**Look
inside
for
calendar
details**

2010 Aviation Scholarship Awarded

Jennifer Koenig was the recipient of the 2010 Santa Rosa 99s Chapter Scholarship for \$3000. Jennifer will use the scholarship for her Multi-engine rating. She works in San Jose and is pursuing a career as a Corporate Pilot.

Congratulations, Jennifer, the Santa Rosa 99s wish you continued success, and Blue Skies.



Amelia Earhart Scholarship deadline Dec 1st.

- The AE Scholarship provides additional training and education in aviation and aerospace to licensed pilot 99s members who need financial assistance to progress toward a specific aviation related goal.
- One year membership requirement includes time as a FWP or Associate member. The requirement must be met on the application submission deadline.

Applications due to Valerie Suberg by Dec. 1, 2010.

If you need assistance with your application email val99s@sonic.net

Download an application at www.ninety-nines.org

Amelia Earhart Scholarship information

Select the application form for the scholarship most appropriate to your circumstances and goal:

- **Flight Training Scholarship:** Fully paid scholarship to complete an additional pilot certificate or rating or pilot training course. Examples: Instrument rating, multi-engine rating, flight instructor certificate, airline transport pilot certificate, King Air qualification training. Note: Excludes jet type rating. Requirements: Must be a current pilot with the appropriate medical certificate, and must be approaching the flight time requirement for the rating or certificate, if any.
- **Jet Type Rating Scholarship:** Fully paid scholarship to complete type rating certification in any jet aircraft. Examples: Cessna Citation, Boeing 737. Requirements: Must be a current Airline Transport Pilot, or plan to include the ATP in the course applied for here, with a First Class medical certificate, or non-U.S. equivalent, and at least 100 hours multi-engine flight time or combined multi-engine and turbine time.
- **Academic Scholarship:** Up to \$5000 scholarship per year towards a college degree in aviation or aerospace. Students may re-apply for continuing support through graduation. Examples: Associates, Bachelors, Masters, or Doctorate in fields such as aerospace engineering, aviation technology, aviation business management, air traffic management, or professional pilot. Note: Flight training may be included if integral to curriculum. Requirements: Must be currently enrolled. Must have cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent.
- **Technical Training Scholarship:** Fully paid scholarship to complete an aviation or aerospace technical training or certification course. Examples: Airframe and/or Powerplant Mechanic certificate, Dispatcher certificate, Air Traffic Control training program, FAA / NTSB / manufacturer's safety training, manufacturer's specialized training or certification course. Note: Excludes any flight training and any technical training that is part of a college degree program.

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL RESEARCH SCHOLAR GRANTS

- **Grants to scholars and scientists to add to the world's knowledge of women in aviation and aerospace.**
- Submission procedures and deadlines on this Fact Sheet do not apply to the Research Scholar Grant. For information and application package go to the 99s website: www.ninety-nines.org/aemsf.html or, contact Dr. Jacque Boyd Jacqueboyd@yahoo.com or 575-377-3166.

NEW PILOT AWARDS

- **Provides up to \$1500 towards initial flight training** for Future Woman Pilot or Associate Members who need financial assistance to become licensed pilots. May be used for any initial (first ever) pilot certificate, including Recreational Pilot, Sport Pilot, or Private Pilot certificate, or non-U.S. equivalent, in any aircraft. This training may be in any aircraft type appropriate to the primary pilot certificate sought, such as airplane, glider, hot air balloon, etc.
- You must have soloed, and, if required for the pilot certificate sought, must have a current medical certificate and must have passed the written exam.
- There is no length of membership requirement, but you must belong to a Chapter if in a Section with Chapters.

PCAM-Hot Dog and Silent Auction/Raffle booth — *Thank You*

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped with the Hot Dog and Silent Auction/Raffle booths this year at the Pacific Coast Air Museum air show. Both booths were very successful in raising money towards our scholarship funds.

We would like to acknowledge our members that secured donations from their employers/businesses: Each of these donations brought in significant funding to our event.

Judy Knuate – Round Table Pizza

Dannah Rhoads– Sonoma Canopy Tours

Barbara Shubel– Benziger Family Winery

Nicole Vandelaar– Sonoma Helicopter

Betsy Taggart – Santa Nella House

Thank you to the chairman for the event - Joan Bacci, Fund Development Chairman and Judy Knaute, Hot Booth Chairman



Barbara Shubel setting up the booths.

Fall Section Meeting in Orange County, CA October 8-10, 2010

The Orange County 99s are hosting the Southwest Sections Fall Meeting in Irvine, CA. Information can be found at

<http://ninetynines.net/swsoc>

A lot of fun events are planned in addition to the business meeting on Saturday morning. The Section meeting is a great place to meet other 99s from California, Nevada, Hawaii, Arizona and Utah. If you need information on flying down into SNA, contact Nicole Vandelaar, who recently moved here from Orange County.



Chapter News

Celebration of Aviation, August 7, 2010 at Borders Book store. Leslie Dale hosted a variety of aviation speakers at this event. WWII veterans, Pilots, Flight Attendants or stewardesses, as they were called back in the day, aviation photographers, aircraft mechanics and of course women pilots. Valerie Suberg and Patty Foley talked about the 99s and who we are. Val also spoke about her career as an A&P Mechanic and her flying activities. Nicole Vandelaar gave a talk about her flying experiences and had everyone captivated by the story of her helicopter flight across the country. She recently flew a R44 from Texas to Sonoma County with Barry Chambers from Sonoma Helicopter.

Mary Jo Johnston participated by doing her Storytime activities with young people.

Time	Speaker	Subject
12:30	Charles Terles, Vietnam war's Operation Lumberjack	Navy aviator, Charles takes you from the flight deck of a carrier to the hot spots in Vietnam.
1:00	Pilot and Director of the Pacific Coast Air Museum's lunch program	Alma talks about PCAM's very successful lunch aviation program.
1:30	Bill Fawcett, WWII B-24 Pilot	Bill flew 60 missions in the Pacific theater and was decorated with a Distinguished Flying Cross.
2:00	Jan DeBary, author of "The Fly Book"	The story of woman bomber pilots during WWII.
2:30	Jan DeBary, pilot with an electronic background	"Never give up your dreams"
3:00	WWII fighter pilot Flying Officer Erication Skelley, R.A.F. Flysignette 504, N.Y. "A.P." Wing Squadron, 112 Wing Royal Air Force	Skil flew twice over Holland, overland and with three crashes and photos and his experiences during the critical air battles over England and Europe. He flew solo twice then every year.
3:30	Tom McLean, pilot and instructor of the Pacific Air 1 Seminars	Tom is a consultant to airport operators and the aviation industry.
4:00	Carly Thompson, pilot pilot, Mechanic and aviation instructor	Learn more before we reveal secrets of Howard Hughes, the legend. Come get the picture for yourself.
4:30	Chuck Kowalski, A.A. "Captain Chuck" is a professional ballroom dancer	Chris is an instructor pilot. I took her home from Vietnam Feb 17 1969.
5:00	Forest City professional aviation photographer	Exhibits aviation and photography in general. Forest discusses special equipment and setup.
5:30	Phil, Valerie history, corporate and multi engine	I made the jump in a multi-engine in 1978. I was in a multi-engine in 1978.
6:00	Nicole Vandelaar, pilot commercial helicopter	100% is a woman pilot, negotiating.



Airport News

- The new terminal is open at the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport. It's looks beautiful and it worth at trip out to take a look.
- Have you seen the Postcard Lucy at the airport?
- Sonoma Jet Center has new owners and had an Open House September 25th. Josh and Julia Hochberg showed everyone a good time with airplanes and classic cars on display. There was a Wings seminar and a presentation by Sonoma Helicopters.



Membership Anniversaries

We would like to recognize the following members and their continuous support in the 99s.

June Anniversaries-

- Jean Schulz—39 years
- Jan McConnell—29 years
- Mary St. Clair—6 years
- Peggy Thompson—6 years

July Anniversaries-

- Holly Donham—35 years
- Peggy Rohde—21 years

August Anniversaries -

- Hialeah Reilich—53 years
- Linda Thomas—22 years
- Nicole Vandelaar—2 years

September Anniversaries

- Betsy Taggart—10 years
- Joan Bacci—3 years

October Anniversaries

- Judy Knuate—34 years
- Trudy Nye—8 years
- Candice Brown-Elliott—5 years
- Teri Turner—1 year

**54 Years
WOW!**

New Members

Nicole Vandelaar joined our chapter in August. She transferred her 99s membership from the Orange County Chapter. Nicole grew up in Michigan where she learned to fly fixed wing aircraft at the young age of 16. Nicole moved to Santa Rosa to work for Sonoma Helicopter. She holds a private pilot fixed wing and helicopter and is working towards her commercial rating.

Welcome new member **Heidi Barrett**. If you were at the September meeting, you got to meet Heidi and hear about her achievements and accomplishments, the latest being her Private Pilot helicopter rating. Heidi lives and works in the Napa Valley and her dream has been to be able to fly a helicopter to work. This summer that dream came true! Congratulations, Heidi!

Heidi Barrett and Nicole Vandelaar



New Ratings



Congratulations

Candice Brown-Elliott recently acquired her Multi-engine rating. Pictured at the left is Candice with her Twin engine aircraft.

Chapter News

- Patty is looking for volunteers to host the next APE—Air Proficiency Excursion. Pick a destination and plan a route and we will all join in for the fun. Call Patty if you are interested to Chair this event. We are thinking next spring will be a good time to fly.
- Cloverdale Airmarking—The Cloverdale airport is almost ready for us. They have done a lot of work and would like to have Compass Rose painted at the airport. We will let you know when we get the final go ahead. It looks now, like that will be after the new year.
- December Dinner meeting will be December 5th. The Time and place have yet to be determined. So, save the date.
- We are gearing up for the next season of Pilot Proficiency Classes. If you want to help or know of a good speaker, contact Valerie Suberg at val99s@sonic.net

Flying Activities

October 10th, 1 pm. Join the Bay City 99s for lunch at Harris Ranch. Contact Judy Barron (jcbarron@comcast.net)

October 16th. Noon. Fly to Oceano with Santa Clara 99s. RSVP to Brittany (topomissus@gmail.com) if you can attend.

OCTOBER 15-17: Marin County Chapter Flyout to Watsonville and Pajaro Dunes. Stay out at the dunes, Santa Cruz boardwalk, Moss Landing kayaking and long stretches of quiet beach. *For more information, contact Cindy Pickett at clpickett@verizon.net*

NOVEMBER 11-13: AOPA Aviation Summit, Long Beach, CA. *For more information, go to: www.aopa.org/summit*

NOVEMBER 18: Bay Cities Chapter Winging Party to Boonville. *For more information, contact Judy Barron (jcbarron@comcast.net)*

November 20th. 11:30 Quincy with Santa Clara Valley 99s, contact Mayetta Behringer (mjbfly99R@comcast.com)

Big Smiles ... Sonoma Helicopter Ride of a lifetime ... Joan Bacci

Nicole was the best hostess for our helicopter ride. First knowing that we were interested on the helicopter basics she shared with us the aerodynamics of helicopters. Peggy and I had so many questions, she hardly complete a sentence before we interrupting with another question. We were like sponges soaking it all in. And then we got to go on our flight. WOW!! WOW!! WOW!!

We were amazed at how different everything seems, even from the very start. Of course, Nicole needed to get her clearance to take off. But no taxing, no runways. Just hold short of runway 19 for other traffic taking off. We went west to the temples ... slowly climbing. From the backseat of it always seemed we were lower than the next ridge in front of us. But then we easily crossed over each ridge with plenty to spare. It was so fun pointing out different parts of Austin Creek State Reserve, which of course we never see from the airplanes we fly because we are so high up. Then Nicole and Barry took us to the temples. WOW!!! We were so low, we could see every detail including the prayer tents that we never see from our planes. Then we flew south along the coast and back home to STS.

It was a very special day. Thanks so much to Nicole, Barry and Sonoma Helicopter for a fantastic day!! Peggy and I are still so excited about our flight, if you get chance we strongly recommend going on a Sonoma Helicopter Tour it is well worth it.

Peggy Thompson, Nicole Vandelaar and Joan Bacci after their ride.



Member Profile— Mary Jo Wisneski Johnston

Mary Jo learned to fly at the Scott Air Force Base Aero Club in the late 1960's. Her former husband was in the Air Force and she had access to the Aero club planes. She flew a Cessna 150 and took lessons from a French woman named Lydia DuBois. She earned her pilot's license in 1969.

In 1983, Mary Jo became involved with the Travis AFB Historical Society. She would lead docent tours of the displayed aircraft, set up an accounting system for the gift shop and helped with aircraft restoration.

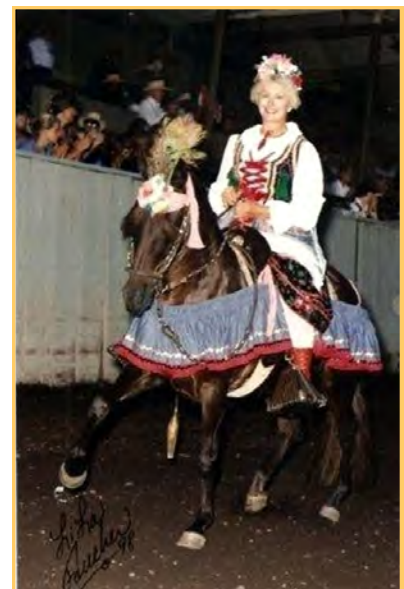
In 2009 Mary Jo attended the Wings Over Wine County Air show and was inspired to join our chapter of the Santa Rosa 99s.

Mary Jo is currently married to Dr. Charles Johnston, Jr., a WWII veteran. Together they joined the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Mary Jo has volunteered to be their Educational docent, leading a Storytime activity every second Saturday at the Museum. Mary Jo is a retired Reading Specialist and has a Doctorate in Reading and Language development.

This past year she has attended numerous Pilot Proficiency classes. She won a flight in a C172 at the PCAM Christmas party and took a flight over her ranch, Dom Aerie.

Mary Jo rides and shows Peruvian Paso horses. In the photo below she is riding in costume at a Monterey horse show. She performed with 2 semi-professional groups in San Francisco for many years, Lowiczanie and Vistula Dancers.

Mary Jo participated in the Aviation Day at Border's Bookstore in Santa Rosa on August 7, 2010. She has followed the instruction from the Smithsonian and below she has her mat, cart, hat and apron as she shares aviation stories with young people.



Mary Jo Johnston, Celebration of Aviation, Borders Bookstore, August 7, 2010. Story Time



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"Flying may not be all
plain sailing, but the fun
of it is worth the price."

—Amelia Earhart

Postcard from the International Conference in Hawaii

Patty Foley, Judy Knaute and Valerie Suberg represented the Santa Rosa 99s at the International Conference in Hawaii.

We celebrated the 4th of July, Swam with Dolphins, flew over the volcano in a helicopter, and stood on the most southern point of the United States.



Patty Foley, Judy Knaute, Rena and Val Suberg

